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SUMMARY: JUNE 19 RALLIES PASS PEACEFULLY, WITH PREDICTABLE PETITIONS. POLICE ARRESTS CONTINUE. BRITISH WILL TAKE NO RPT NO ACTION DISCOURAGE TOURISM FOLLOWING MAKARIOS ASSURANCES. END SUMMARY

1. JUNE 19 RALLIES IN MAJOR CITIES PROVIDED FORUM FOR MASS ORGANIZATIONS (WITH RIGHT-WING LABOR FEDERATION, SEK, CON-SPICUOUSLY ABSENT) TO EXPRESS SUPPORT TO ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS AND TO CONDEMN VIOLENCE GENERALLY. NICOSIA SAW LARGEST SUCH RALLY, WITH MAKARIOS APPEARING PERSONALLY TO CALL FOR SELF-RESTRAINT, WARN AGAINST DANGER OF CIVIL WAR, AND PLEDGE GOCYPRUS WILL TAKE "ALL MEASURES" (NOT SPECIFIED) TO CRUSH CURRENT WAVE OF VIOLENCE AND TERRORISM. RESOLUTION
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PASSED BY ORGANIZATIONS INTER ALIA CALLS FOR PURGE OF THE

NATIONAL GUARD AND OF ALL PUBLIC SERVICES (CIVIL AND EDUCATION, PRIMARILY). EYEWITNESS REPORTS SUGGEST NICOSIA RALLY NOT MAJOR AFFAIR. LEFTIST CLAQUE PROVIDED MOST VOCAL SUPPORT TO MAKARIOS.

2. POLICE CONTINUE LARGE-SCALE ARRESTS FOR BOMBINGS AND MURDERS. RECENT VIOLENCE APPEARS TO HAVE PERSUADED MANY TO STAY AT HOME AT NIGHT: LARGE NUMBER OUT-OF-TOWN INVITEES TO EMBASSY-SPONSORED COCKTAIL JUNE 20 HAVE DECLINED ON THIS GROUND. (WE SUSPECT, ALSO, TURKS WILL STAY INDOORS OR AT LEAST IN THEIR SECTORS FOR NEXT FEW NIGHTS.)

3. PRESS CONTINUES TO WRITE AGAINST VIOLENCE, SOME POINTING TO HARMFUL EFFECTS ON CYPRUS TOURISM. TRUE TO FORM, CLERIDES' "AGHON" TODAY CALLS FOR UNITY IN GREEK RANKS, CON-DEMNING VIOLENCE FROM EVERY SOURCE.

4. UK HICOM OLVER SAW MAKARIOS AFTERNOON JUNE 19. MAKARIOS OFFERED CONDOLENCES FOR KILLING UK CIVILIAN; ASSURED HICOM THERE WILL BE FULL INQUIRY; AND PROMISED IMPROVE TRU DISCIPLINE. ON BASIS THIS "DOUBLE ASSURANCE", OLVER TOLD MAKARIOS HE WOULD NOT DISCOURAGE UK TOURISTS AT THIS TIME. ACTION WILL BE RESTRICTED TO LOW-KEY WARNING LOCAL BRITISH COMMUNITY TO KEEP HEADS DOWN AND AVOID DRIVING LATE AT NIGHT. UK CITIZENS WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO COOPERATE WITH POLICE (AND, IN FACT, ANYONE FAINTLY RESEMBLING LAW OFFICER).

5. BRITS HIGHLY CONCERNED SINCE THIS IS THIRD INCIDENT IN LAST FEW MONTHS IN WHICH TRU HAS FIRED ON BRITISH VEHICLE. IN DECEMBER, TWO BRITISH NURSES HAD TIRES SHOT OUT RETURNING TO DHEKELIA FROM NICOSIA COCKTAIL PARTY. IN JANUARY, BRITISH ARMY LORRY (POSSIBLY LANDROVER) ALSO GUNNED DOWN. NO INJURIES EITHER CASE. IN BOTH THESE CASES, AS IN JUNE 19 KILLING, ROAD BLOCKS WERE NOT APPARENT TO DRIVERS. HIGH COMMISSION ANTICIPATES SBA AUTHORITIES WILL ISSUE SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS TO THEIR TROOPS RE NEED FOR CAUTION. UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME PRECISELY WHAT NATURE WARNING WILL TAKE.

6. MAKARIOS WAS ACCOMPANIED TO JUNE 19 RALLY BY CURRENT HOUSE GUEST, FORMER GREEK PREMIER GEORGE ATHANASIADES. MOVE MAY HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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SOME RELATION TO LOCAL RUMORS LINKING ARCHBISHOP WITH POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF "GREEK GOVT IN EXILE."
MAKARIOS MAKING NO EFFORT SCOTCH ACCOUNTS HIS UNHAPPINESS WITH ATHENS REGIME.
COMMENT: WE DON'T KNOW WHAT HE IS UP TO.
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